

HOUSE BILL No. 1403

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 25-22.5; IC 25-23-1.

Synopsis: Physician and nurse continuing education. Requires the medical licensing board and the state board of nursing to adopt rules requiring physicians and nurses to report on license renewal forms any continuing education hours completed during the license renewal period. Allows for random audits for verification of continuing education hours reported by physicians and nurses.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 25-22.5-2-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 7. The board shall do
3 the following:

4 (1) Adopt rules and forms necessary to implement this article that
5 concern, but are not limited to, the following areas:

6 (A) Qualification by education, residence, citizenship,
7 training, and character for admission to an examination for
8 licensure or by endorsement for licensure.

9 (B) The examination for licensure.

10 (C) The license or permit.

11 (D) Fees for examination, permit, licensure, and registration.

12 (E) Reinstatement of licenses and permits.

13 (F) Payment of costs in disciplinary proceedings conducted by
14 the board.

15 **(G) Establishment of continuing education reporting**
16 **requirements on license renewal forms. The rules adopted**
17 **under this clause must require a practitioner who seeks to**



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renew a license under this article to sign a statement, on a license renewal form prescribed by the board, indicating the number of hours of continuing education completed during the license renewal period. The renewal form prescribed by the board must contain a statement recommending that a practitioner retain, for three (3) years following renewal of the practitioner's license, verification of the number of continuing education hours reported on the form.

(2) Administer oaths in matters relating to the discharge of its official duties.

(3) Enforce this article and assign service bureau personnel duties as may be necessary in the discharge of the board's duty.

(4) Maintain, through the service bureau, full and complete records of all applicants for licensure or permit and of all licenses and permits issued.

(5) Make available, upon request, the complete schedule of minimum requirements for licensure or permit.

(6) Issue, at the board's discretion, a temporary permit to an applicant for the interim from the date of application until the next regular meeting of the board.

(7) Issue an unlimited license, a limited license, or a temporary medical permit, depending upon the qualifications of the applicant, to any applicant who successfully fulfills all of the requirements of this article.

(8) Adopt rules establishing standards for the competent practice of medicine, osteopathic medicine, or any other form of practice regulated by a limited license or permit issued under this article.

(9) Adopt rules regarding the appropriate prescribing of Schedule III or Schedule IV controlled substances for the purpose of weight reduction or to control obesity.

SECTION 2. IC 25-22.5-7-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 1. (a) A license issued under this article expires on June 30 of each odd-numbered year. Before June 30 of an odd-numbered year, an applicant for renewal shall pay the biennial renewal fee set by the board under IC 25-22.5-2-7.

(b) If the holder of a license does not renew the license by June 30 of each odd-numbered year, the license expires and becomes invalid without any action taken by the board. A license that becomes invalid under this subsection may be reinstated by the board up to three (3) years after the invalidation if the holder of the invalid license pays:

(1) the penalty fee set by the board under IC 25-22.5-2-7; and



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(2) the renewal fee for the biennium.

(c) If a license that becomes invalid under this section is not reinstated by the board within three (3) years of its invalidation, the holder of the invalid license may be required by the board to take an examination for competence before the board will reinstate the holder's license.

(d) The board may adopt rules under IC 25-22.5-2-7 establishing requirements for the reinstatement of a lapsed license.

(e) Every two (2) years, the board may randomly audit, for the purpose of verifying continuing education hours, at least one percent (1%) but not more than ten percent (10%) of the practitioners who report continuing education hours on the license renewal form under IC 25-22.5-2-7(1)(G).

SECTION 3. IC 25-23-1-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 7. (a) The board shall do the following:

(1) Adopt under IC 4-22-2 rules necessary to enable it to carry into effect this chapter.

(2) Prescribe standards and approve curricula for nursing education programs preparing persons for licensure under this chapter.

(3) Provide for surveys of such programs at such times as it considers necessary.

(4) Accredite such programs as meet the requirements of this chapter and of the board.

(5) Deny or withdraw accreditation from nursing education programs for failure to meet prescribed curricula or other standards.

(6) Examine, license, and renew the license of qualified applicants.

(7) Issue subpoenas, compel the attendance of witnesses, and administer oaths to persons giving testimony at hearings.

(8) Cause the prosecution of all persons violating this chapter and have power to incur necessary expenses for these prosecutions.

(9) Adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 that do the following:

(A) Prescribe standards for the competent practice of registered, practical, and advanced practice nursing.

(B) Establish with the approval of the medical licensing board created by IC 25-22.5-2-1 requirements that advanced practice nurses must meet to be granted authority to prescribe legend drugs and to retain that authority.

(C) Establish continuing education reporting requirements

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on license renewal forms. The rules adopted under this clause must require a nurse who seeks to renew a license under this article to sign a statement, on a license renewal form prescribed by the board, indicating the number of hours of continuing education completed during the license renewal period. The renewal form prescribed by the board must contain a statement recommending that a nurse retain, for three (3) years following renewal of the nurse's license, verification of the number of continuing education hours reported on the form. For purposes of this clause, continuing education includes inservice training and educational seminars.

(10) Keep a record of all its proceedings.

(11) Collect and distribute annually demographic information on the number and type of registered nurses and licensed practical nurses employed in Indiana.

(12) Notify each registered nurse and licensed practical nurse residing in Indiana when final rules concerning the practice of nursing are published in the Indiana register.

(b) The board may do the following:

(1) Create ad hoc subcommittees representing the various nursing specialties and interests of the profession of nursing. Persons appointed to a subcommittee serve for terms as determined by the board.

(2) Utilize the appropriate subcommittees so as to assist the board with its responsibilities. The assistance provided by the subcommittees may include the following:

(A) Recommendation of rules necessary to carry out the duties of the board.

(B) Recommendations concerning educational programs and requirements.

(C) Recommendations regarding examinations and licensure of applicants.

(3) Appoint nurses to serve on each of the ad hoc subcommittees.

(c) Nurses appointed under subsection (b) must:

(1) be committed to advancing and safeguarding the nursing profession as a whole; and

(2) represent nurses who practice in the field directly affected by a subcommittee's actions.

SECTION 4. IC 25-23-1-16.1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 16.1. (a) A license to practice as a registered nurse expires on October 31 in each

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1 odd-numbered year. Failure to renew the license on or before the
2 expiration date will automatically render the license invalid without
3 any action by the board.

4 (b) A license to practice as a licensed practical nurse expires on
5 October 31 in each even-numbered year. Failure to renew the license
6 on or before the expiration date will automatically render the license
7 invalid without any action by the board.

8 (c) The procedures and fee for renewal shall be set by the board.

9 (d) At the time of license renewal, each registered nurse and each
10 licensed practical nurse shall pay an additional three dollar (\$3) fee.
11 The lesser of the following amounts from fees collected under this
12 subsection shall be deposited in the impaired nurses account of the
13 state general fund established by section 34 of this chapter:

14 (1) Three dollars (\$3) per license renewed under this section.

15 (2) The cost per license to operate the impaired nurses program,
16 as determined by the health professions bureau.

17 **(e) Every two (2) years, the board may randomly audit, for the**
18 **purpose of verifying continuing education hours, at least one**
19 **percent (1%) but not more than ten percent (10%) of the nurses**
20 **who report continuing education hours on the license renewal form**
21 **under section 7(a)(9)(C) of this chapter.**

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